



# A Fast, Compact TPC for PHENIX and STAR with Enhanced Electron ID Capabilities

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A fast, compact TPC would serve as a multipurpose tracking detector in the central region of both PHENIX and STAR and would provide electron identification for low momentum electrons by  $dE/dx$ . Its electron ID capabilities could be extended by incorporating a photocathode layer on the outer surface of the TPC which could serve as a Cherenkov detector for detecting electrons that would have a minimum sensitivity to hadrons (i.e., also serving as a Hadron Blind Detector).

## The physics topics addressed by this detector are:

- **Low mass electron pairs**

Tracking and electron id of low momentum electrons provides Dalitz rejection to measure low mass electron pairs,  $\rho$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $f$ , etc.

- **Jet physics**

An inner tracker covering  $2\pi$  in azimuth,  $|\eta| \sim 0.75$ , and  $\sim 20 < R < 60$  cm allows jet measurements in both heavy ion and pp collisions

(e.g., for studying away side jets tagged by  $g$ s or high  $p_T$  leptons)

- **Charm and B decays**

Combined with a high resolution inner silicon detector, the tracking capabilities help to resolve secondary displaced vertices from charm and B-decays (also for strangeness:  $L^0$ ,  $X^0$ ,  $K^0$ , ... )

- **Low  $p_T$  physics**

Combined with operating PHENIX with different inner B-field configurations, provides improved momentum resolution and added tracking capabilities, including low  $p_T$  ( $< 200$  MeV/c) charged particles.

## PHENIX Detector for Current Physics Run

### Electron ID Detectors

EMCAL (PbSc + PbGl)

RICH

TEC→TRD

### Tracking Detectors

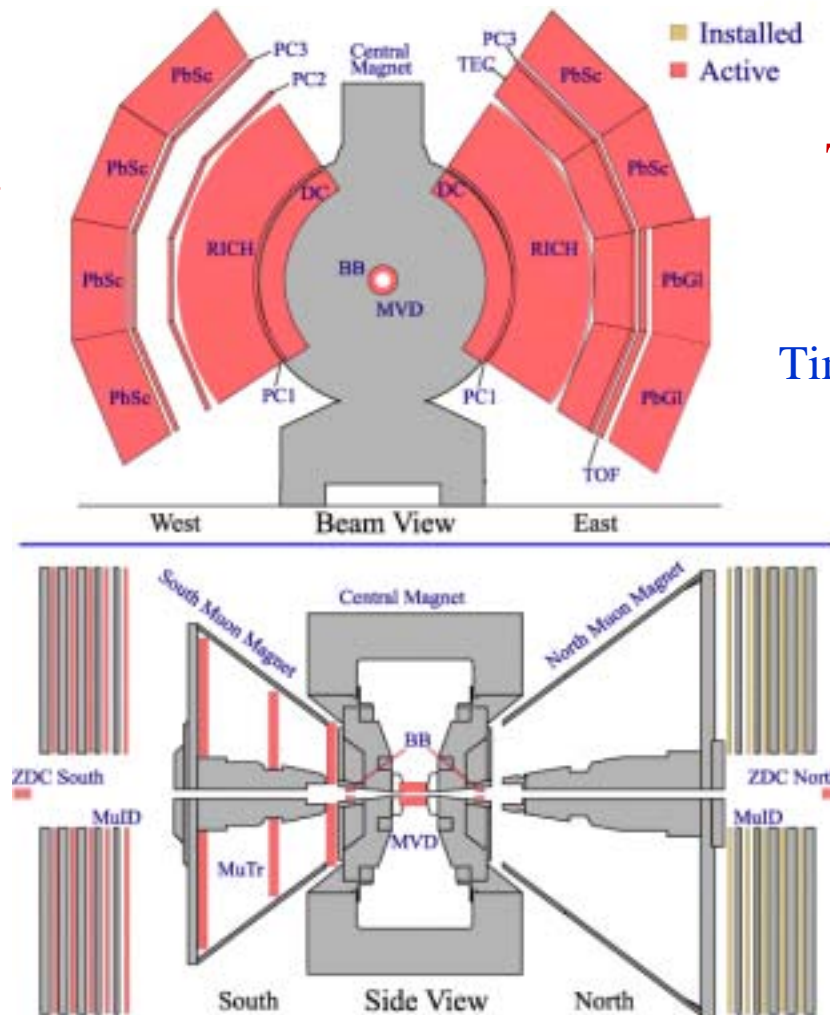
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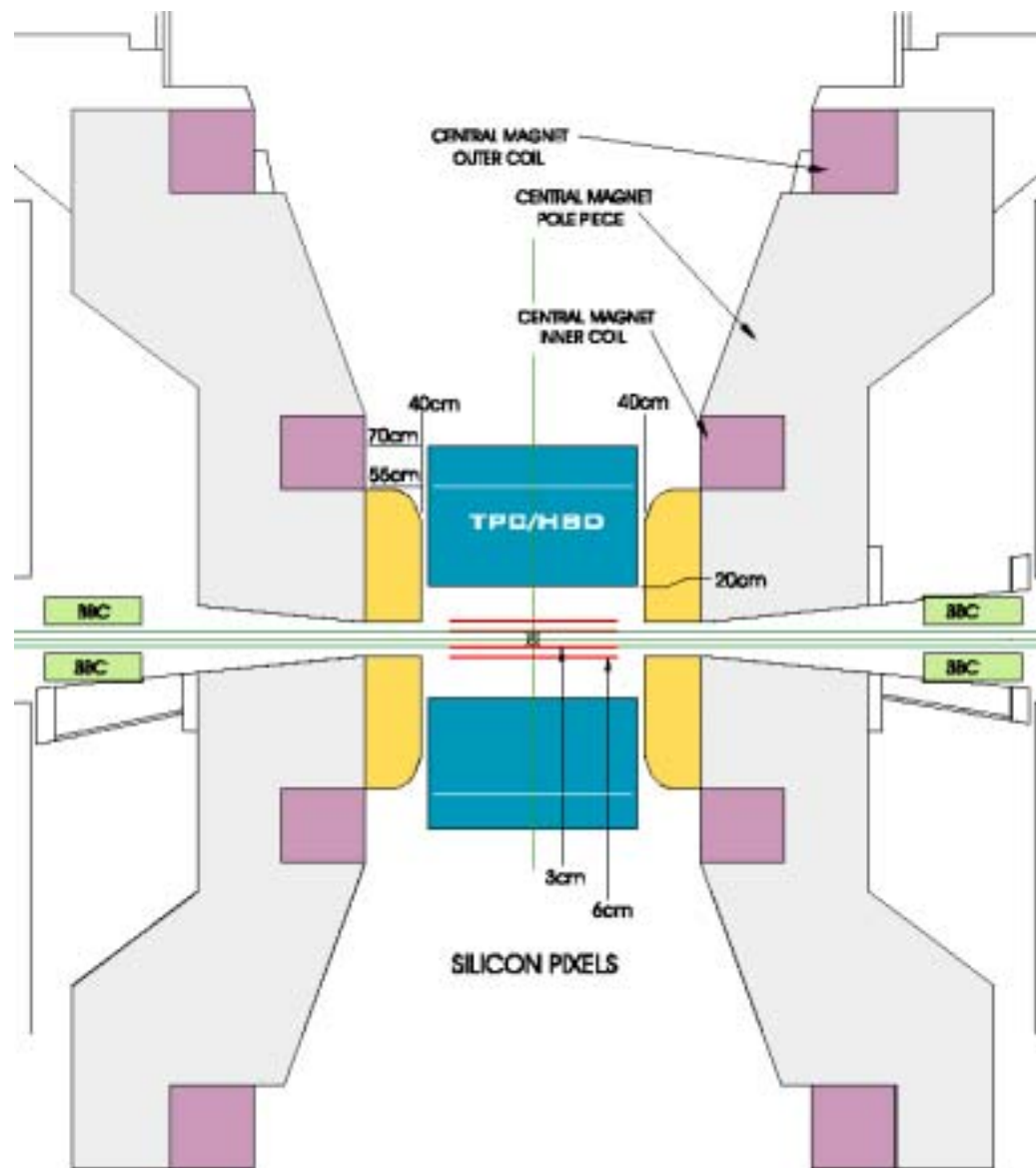
Pad Chambers

Time Expansion Chamber

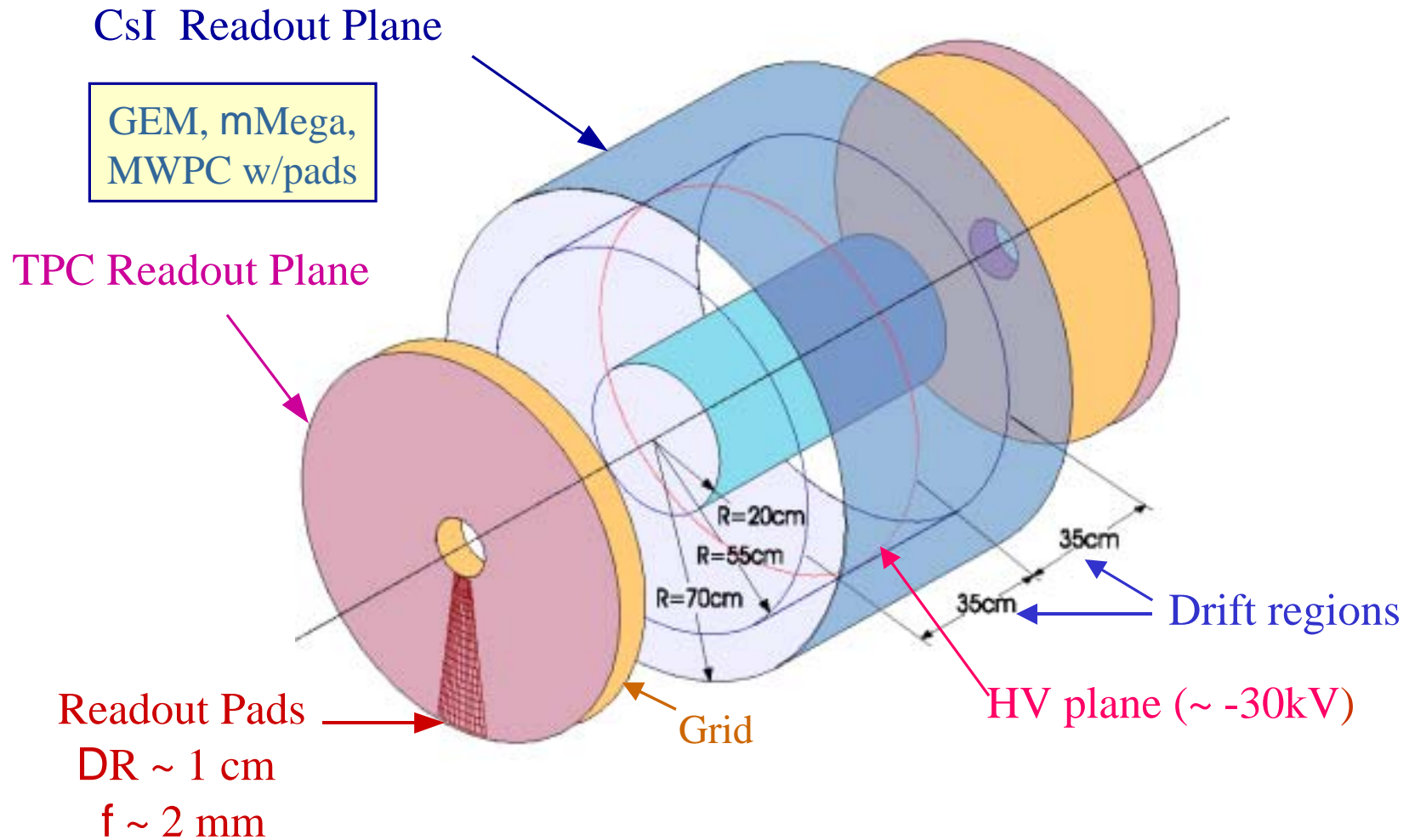
### South Muon Spectrometer

North Muon Spectrometer  
(to be installed  
in 2002)





# TPC/HBD Schematic Drawing

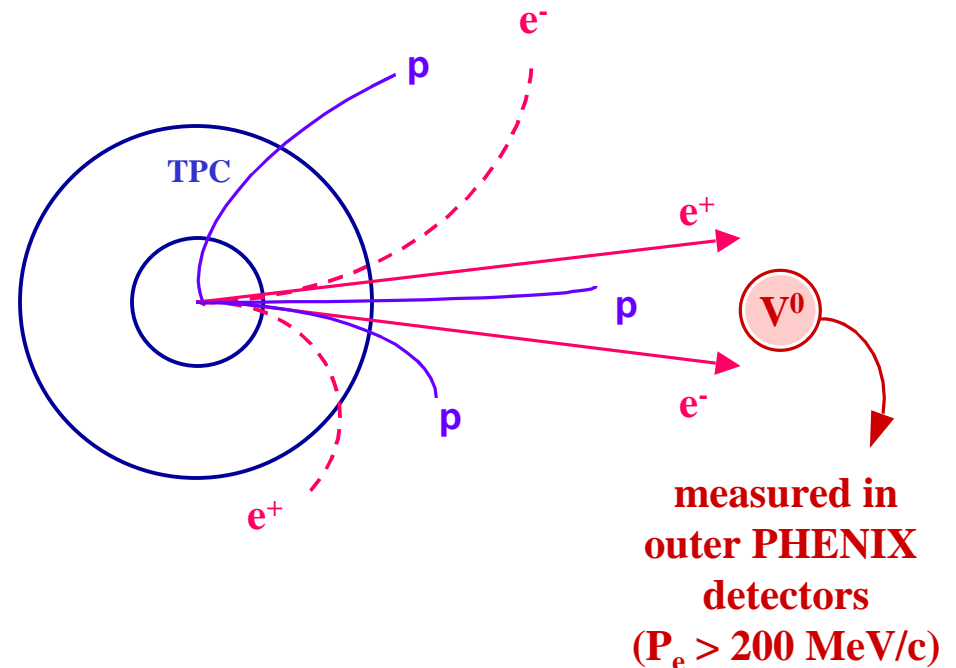


## Detector Requirements

- Must have short drift time to work at the highest luminosities planned for RHIC
- Require sufficient two track resolution to handle high track densities and possible space charge limitations
- Must have sufficient charge deposition and sampling to do good  $dE/dx$  measurement for electron id below 200 MeV
- Adding CsI photocathode layer provides additional independent electron id
- Should have minimal material to minimize conversions and multiple scattering for outer detectors ( $< 0.1 - 0.2\% X_0$ )
- Must keep the number of readout channels to a “reasonable” number ( $\sim 50$ - $100K$ , but must also implement zero suppression at an early stage in the readout)

## Using the TPC to measure Low Mass Lepton Pairs and Vector Mesons in PHENIX

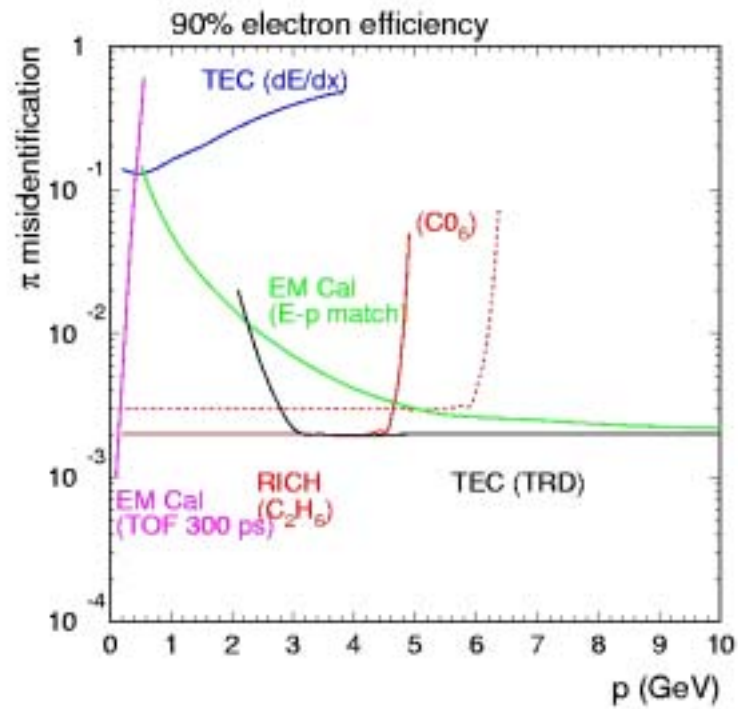
- Operate PHENIX with low inner B field to optimize measurement of low momentum tracks
- Identify signal electrons ( $r, w, f, \dots$ ) and background electrons with  $p > 200$  MeV in outer PHENIX detectors
- Identify low momentum electrons ( $p < 200$  MeV) using  $dE/dx$  from TPC and/or Cherenkov light in HBD
- Calculate effective mass between all opposite sign tracks identified as electrons ( $e_{\text{electron}} > 0.9, p_{\text{rej}} > 1:200$ )
- Reject pair if mass  $< 140$  MeV



**Must provide sufficient Dalitz rejection ( $>90\%$ ) while preserving the true signal**

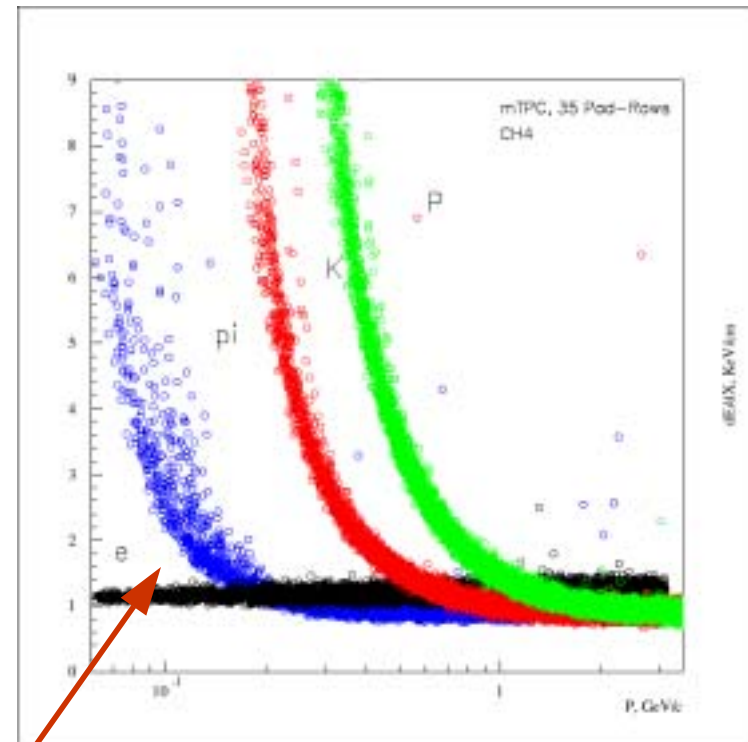


# Electron ID in PHENIX



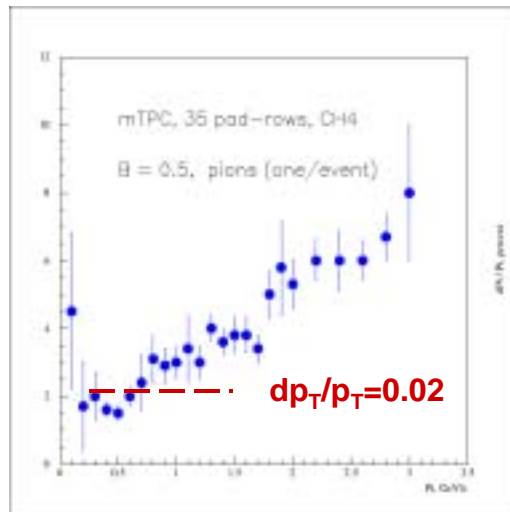
Electron ID provided by  
outer PHENIX detectors

For  $p < 200$  MeV, need  
 $e_{\text{electron}} > 0.9$   
 $p_{\text{rej}} > 1:200$



Electron ID provided dE/dx  
in TPC  
(Simulation by N. Smirnov)

# Tracking in the Central Region in PHENIX

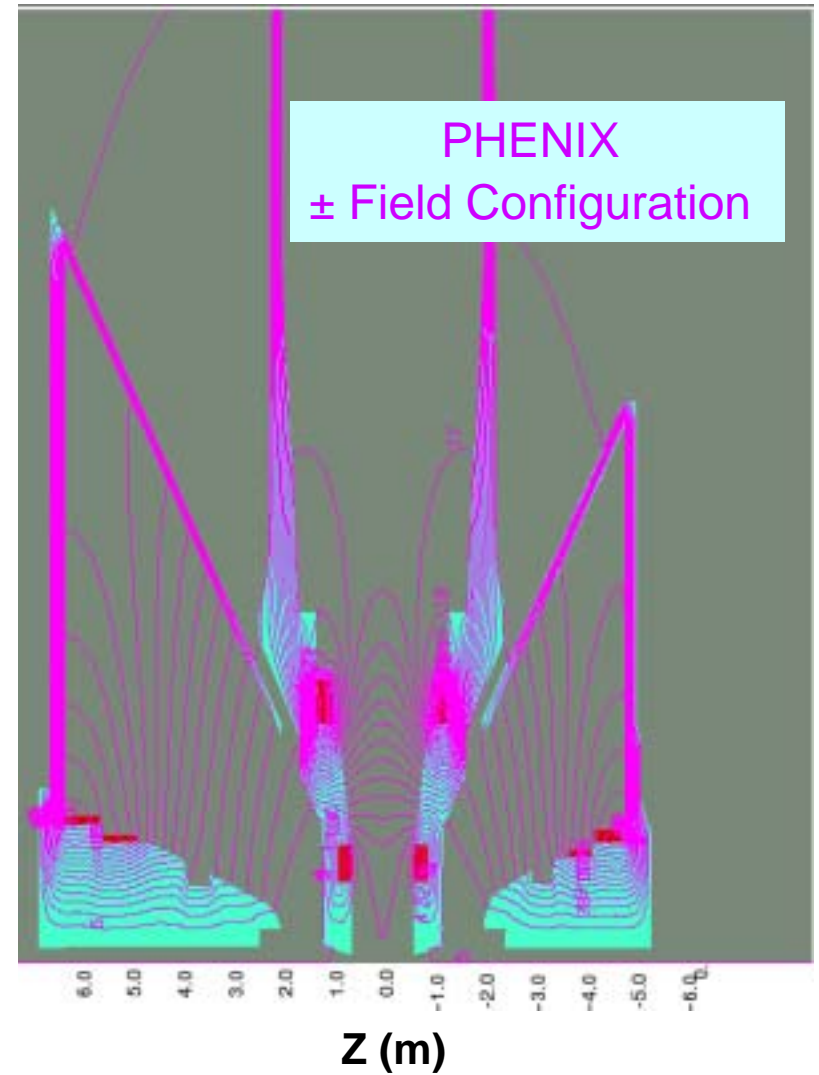
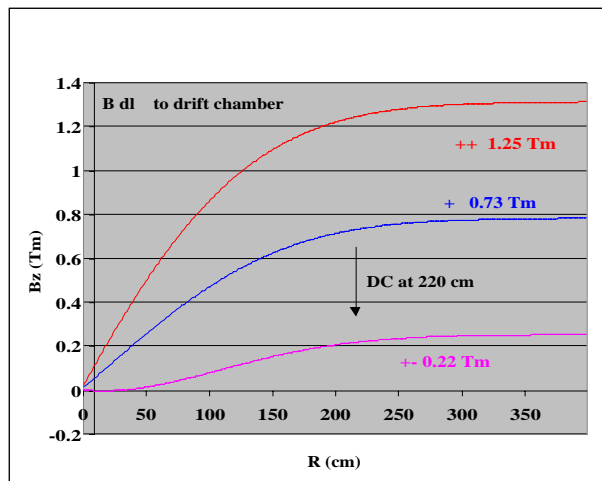


## Momentum resolution in TPC

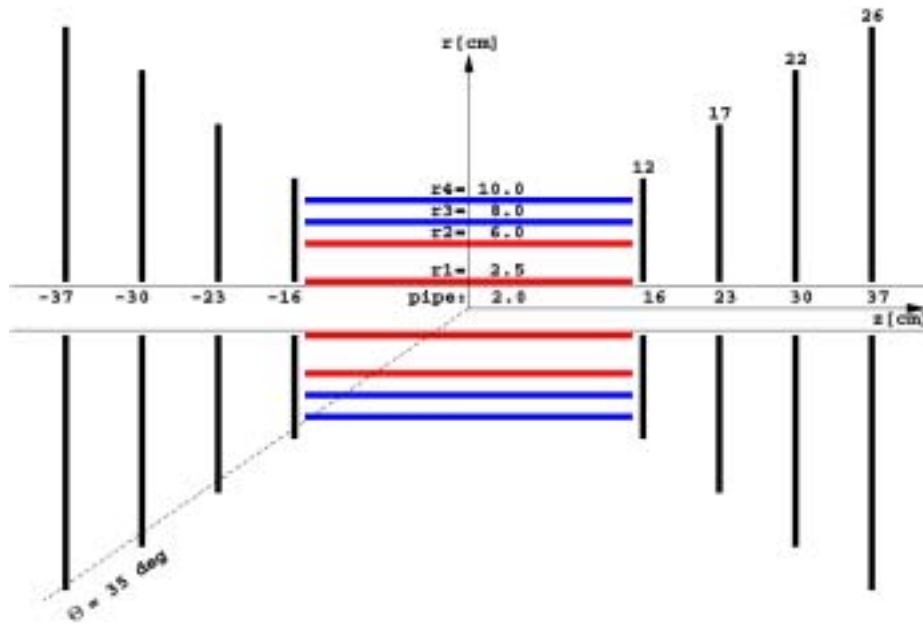
300 mm single point resolution in x,y,z

(Simulation by N. Smirnov)

## Field Integral



## Proposed Silicon Tracker in PHENIX



Pixel barrels (50 mm x 425 mm)

Strip barrels (100 mm x 5 cm)

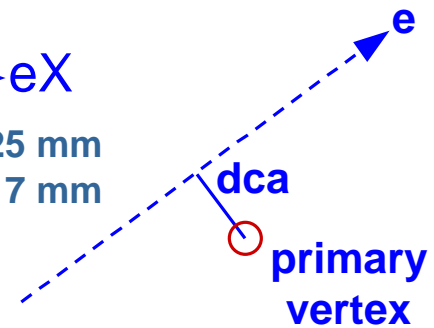
Pixel disks (50 mm x 200 mm)

1.0%  $X_0$  per layer

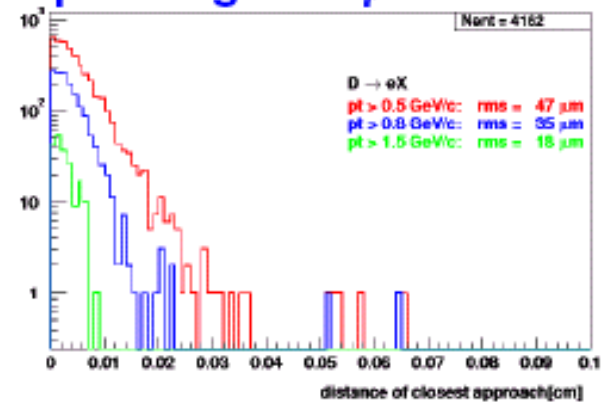
$D \rightarrow eX$

$ct_0 = 125 \text{ mm}$

$ct_{\pm} = 317 \text{ mm}$



pointing:  $\approx 35 \mu\text{m rms}$



Simulation by J. Heuser (PHENIX)

## What are the goals and topics for R&D ?

### Goals

- Develop a fast, compact TPC for use in high luminosity heavy ion and pp physics at RHIC.
- Determine whether the features of a HBD can be incorporated into the TPC in order to enhance its electron id capabilities.

### Topics

- Study the use of fast drift gases in the TPC (electronic & optical properties)
- Detector design (field cage, readout plane, construct prototype)
- Investigate readout detector options (GEM, mMega, MWPC w/pads)
- Design of integrated readout electronics
- Monte Carlo simulation studies

## Studies on the Use of Fast Drift Gases

- $\text{CF}_4$ ,  $\text{CH}_4$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$  + mixtures
- Measure drift velocities, drift lengths, diffusion parameters,  $dE/dx$ , etc.
- Measure optical transmission (extending down into the VUV)
- Correlate optical measurements with drift measurements to study the effect of impurities on drift and transmission properties
- Measurement of scintillation light (I and decay time)
- Study the behavior of these gases in micropattern detectors (GEMs, Micromegas, etc)



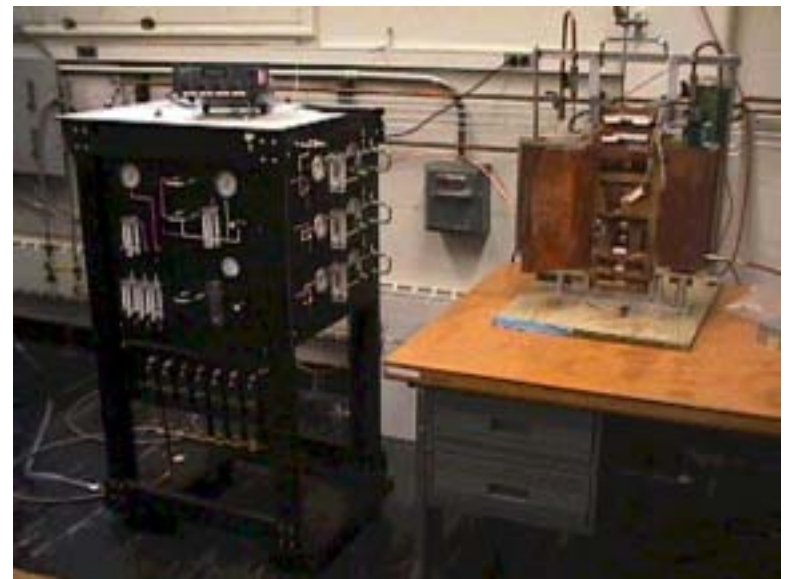
## STAR TPC Test Setup

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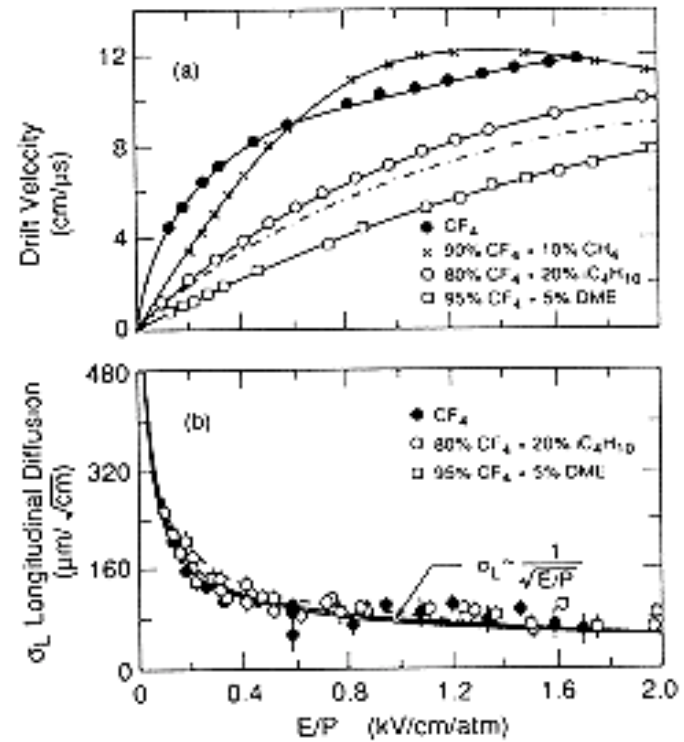
### STAR TPC “Canary Chamber” and gas system

#### Measure drift properties of gases

- Drift velocities
- Drift lengths
- Diffusion parameters
- Ionization energy loss ( $dE/dx$ )
- Study impurities
- Study various types of readout detectors



## TPC Drift Cell will be constructed to study drift properties of various gases

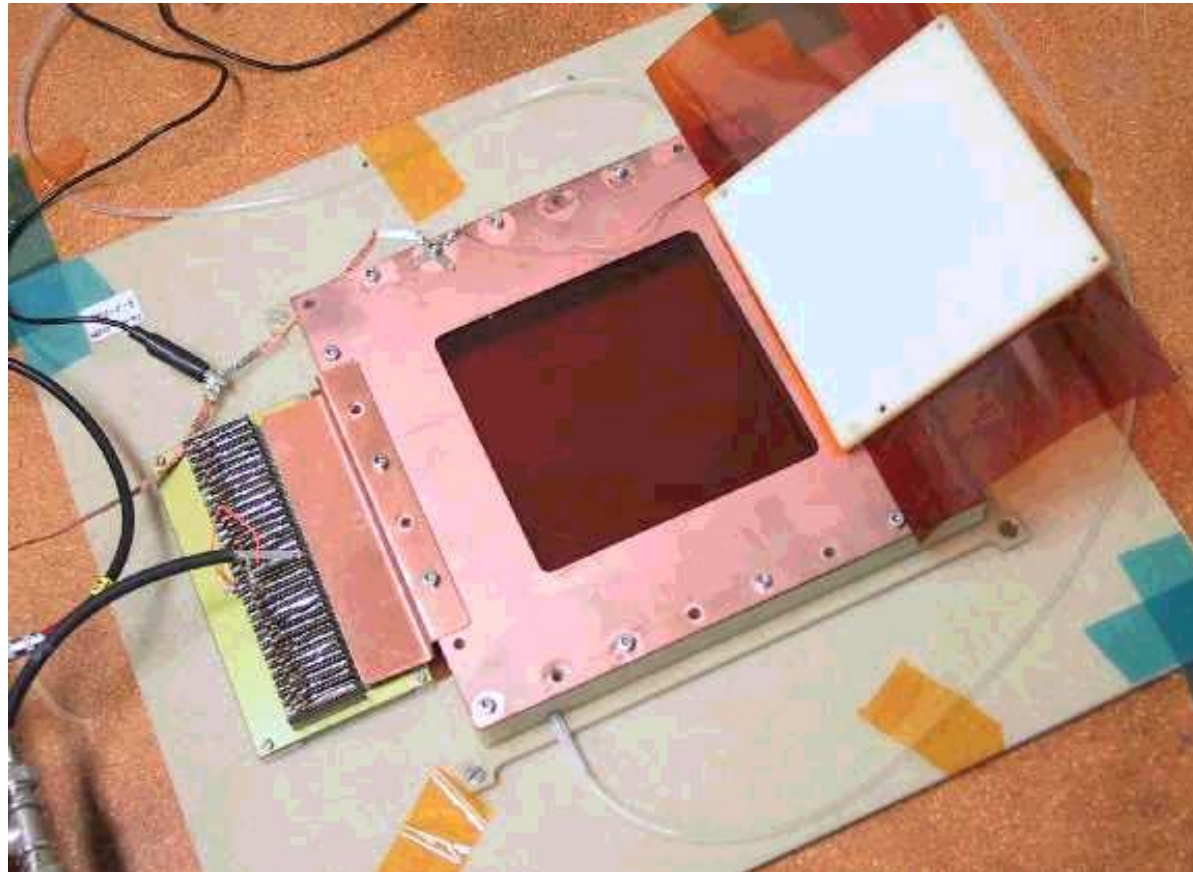


J.Va'vra et.al., NIM A324 (1993) 113-126

## LEGS TPC Drift Cell



GEM Detector  
Courtesy of F. Sauli (CERN)



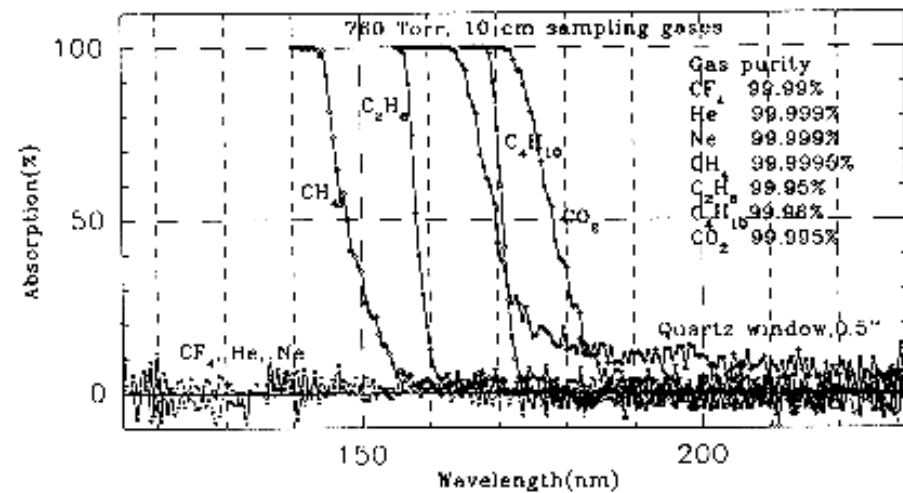
Additional GEM foils will be used to construct readout  
detector for TPC Drift Cell



## VUV Spectrometer

Measures optical transmission down to 120 nm

Correlate with drift measurements

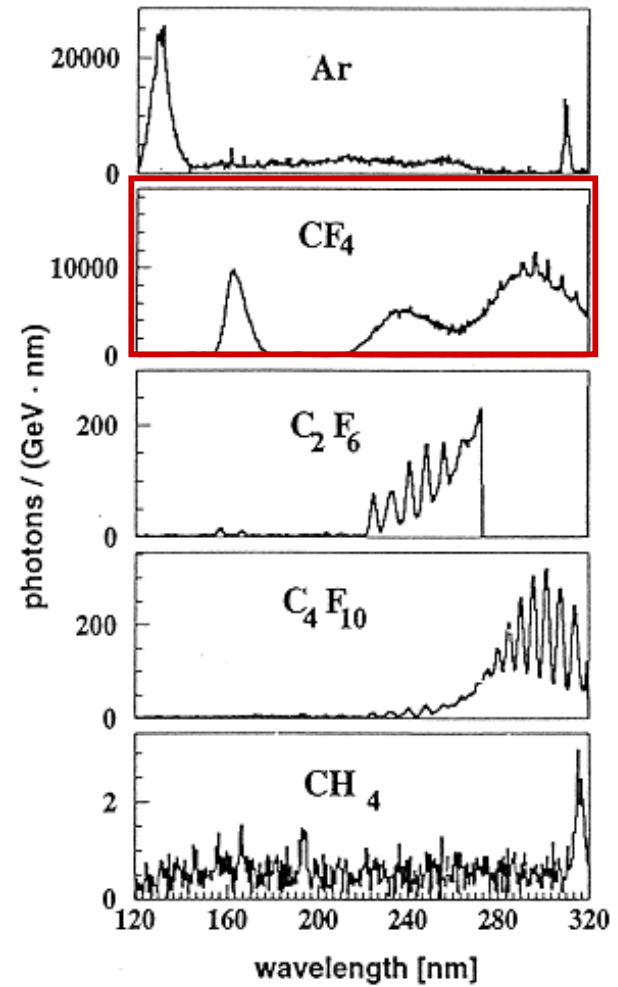


C.Lu & K.T. McDonald, NIM A343(1994) 135-151.

## CF<sub>4</sub> Scintillation

Scintillation in the VUV (160 nm)

Measure scintillation decay time

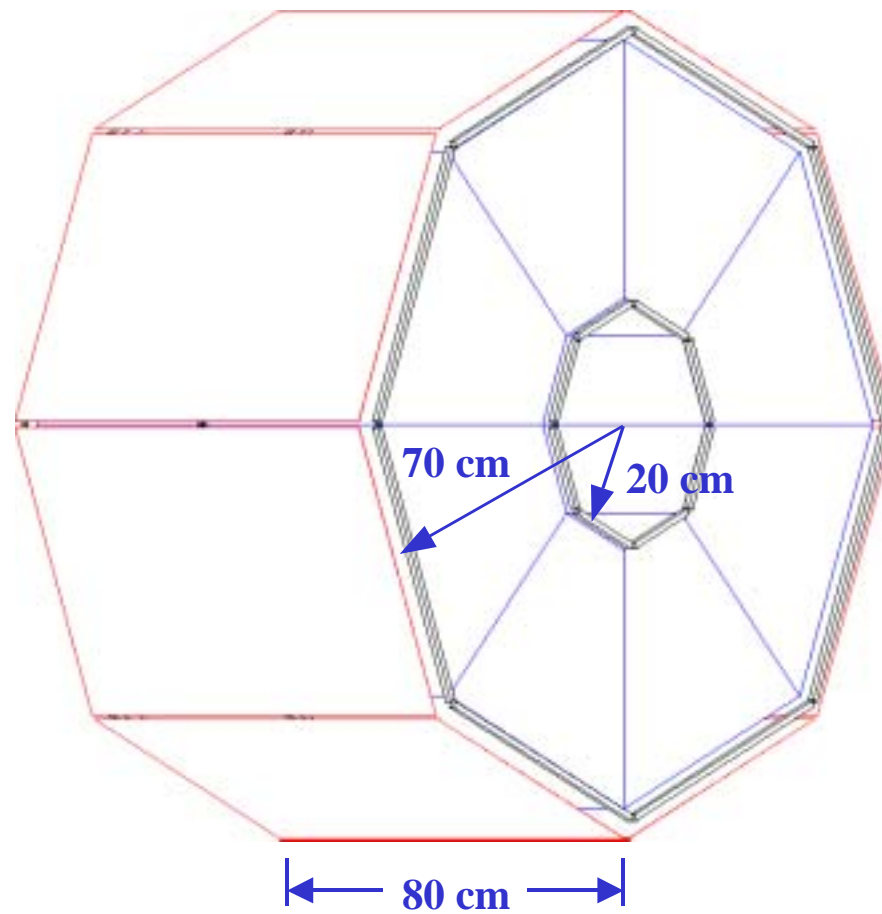


R.Gernhauser et.al., NIM A371 (1996) 300-304.

## Monte Carlo Simulations

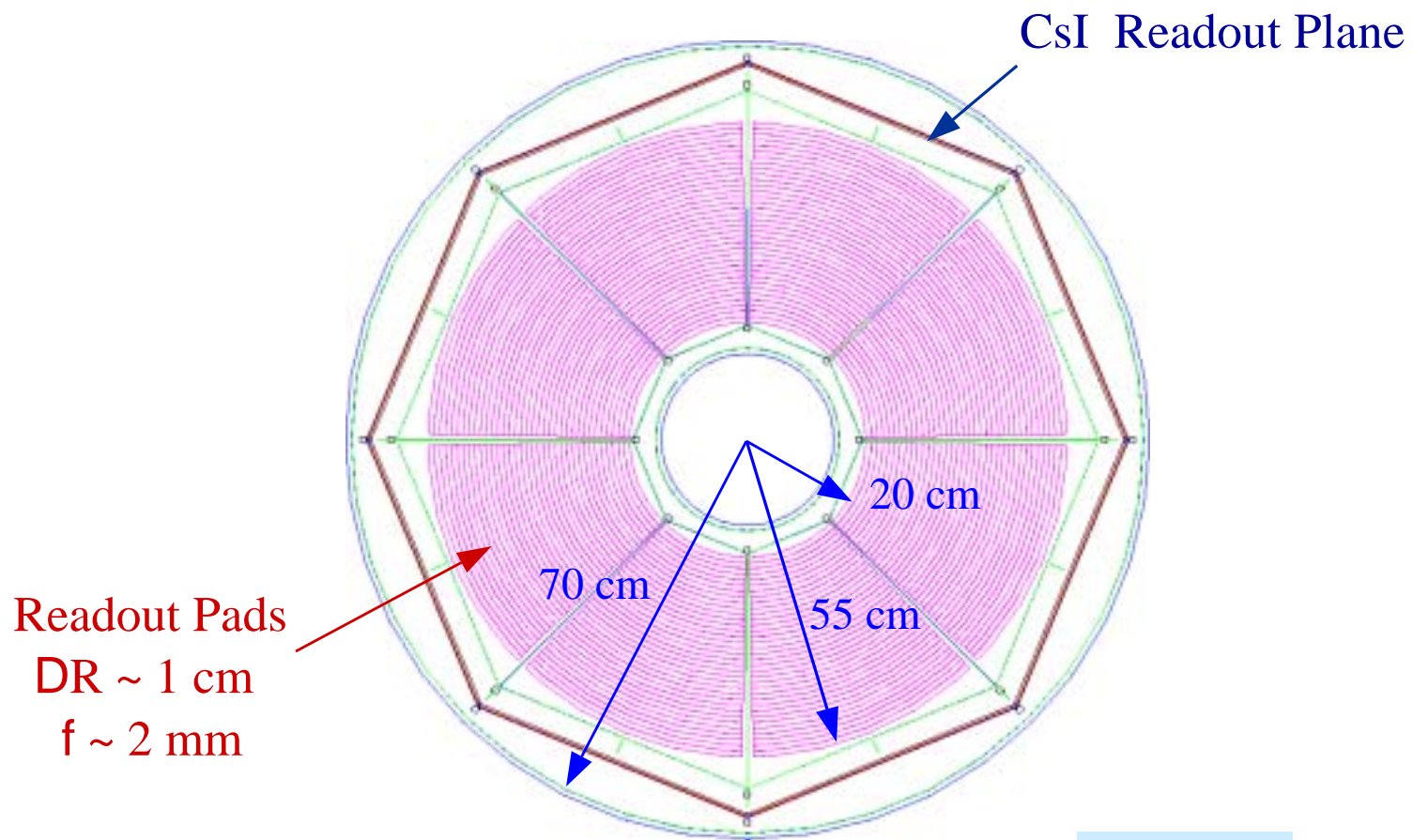
- Detailed TPC/HBD detector Monte Carlo already exists which is being used to optimize geometry, pad size, etc (N. Smirnov)
  - study two track resolution, multihit resolution, diffusion limits, etc.
  - will also run GARFIELD to study field cage configurations
- TPC/HBD geometry is now in full PHENIX simulation package PISA (C. Aidala)
  - Note: New proposed silicon pixel detectors have also been added to PISA; will use this together with TPC/HBD to study the effect on tracking and momentum resolution
- Studies are currently under way of to study electron pair signals (e.g.,  $r, w, f$ , low mass pairs) in heavy ion events using EXODUS Monte Carlo (K. Ozawa)
- Next step will be to incorporate all three Monte Carlos programs together into PISA to do full event simulation of electron pair signals, Dalitz pairs, conversions and other background sources, combined with studies of tracking and momentum resolution, using the full PHENIX detector simulation package.

## TPC/HBD Detector in PISA



C.Aidala

## TPC Detector with HBD Radiator



C.Aidala

## Parameters for Heavy Ion Collisions

Scheme		RDM	RDM+	RHIC II
Initial Emittance (95%), $\epsilon$	$[\pi\mu\text{m}]$	15	15	15
Final Emittance (95%), $\epsilon$	$[\pi\mu\text{m}]$	40	40	$< 6^*$
IP beta function, $\beta^*$	$[\text{m}]$	2.0	1.0	$1.0 \rightarrow 0.5$
Number of bunches, $M$		60	120	120
Bunch population, $N$	$[\times 10^9]$	1.0	1.0	1.0
Beam-beam parameter per IR, $\xi$		.0016	.0016	.004*
Angular beam size, $\sigma'^*$	$[\mu\text{rad}]$	108	153	95
RMS beam size, $\sigma^*$	$[\mu\text{m}]$	216	150	95
Peak Luminosity, $L_0$	$[10^{27}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}]$	0.8	3.2	8.3
Average Luminosity, $\langle L \rangle$	$[10^{27}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}]$	0.2 <sup>†</sup>	0.8 <sup>†</sup>	7 <sup>‡</sup>

\* RHIC II assumes **electron cooling** to reduce the emittance and counteract IBS.

<sup>†</sup> Luminosity average over 10 hr for RMD and RDM+.

<sup>‡</sup> Luminosity average over 5 hr for RHIC II since burn-off is high.



Waldo MacKay  
RHIC Upgrades: 8 Dec., 2000

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## Parameters for Proton Collisions

Scheme		RDM	RDM+	RHIC II
Emittance (95%), $\epsilon$	$[\pi\mu\text{m}]$	20	20	12*
IP beta function, $\beta^*$	$[\text{m}]$	2.0	1.0	1.0
Number of bunches, $M$		60	120	120
Bunch population, $N$	$[10^{11}]$	1.0	2.0	2.0
Beam-beam parameter per IR, $\xi$		.0037	.0073 <sup>†</sup>	.012 <sup>‡</sup>
Angular beam size, $\sigma'^*$	$[\mu\text{rad}]$	79	112	86
RMS beam size, $\sigma^*$	$[\mu\text{m}]$	158	112	86
Peak Luminosity, $L_0$	$[10^{31}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}]$	1.5	24	40

\* For RHIC II assumes **electron cooling** at injection to reduce emittance.

<sup>†</sup> For RDM+ assumes only collisions at 3 IR's.

<sup>‡</sup> For RHIC II assumes only collisions at 2 IR's.



## Rate Issues for TPC

Au-Au	$L \sim 8 \times 10^{27} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
O-O	$L \sim 1.6 \times 10^{29} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
p-p	$L \sim 2 \times 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
	(possibly $\rightarrow 4 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ )

### Track density in HI

$$\begin{aligned} dN_{\text{ch}}/dy &= 150 \text{ (min bias)} \\ L \times s &= 8 \times 10^{27} \times 7.2 \text{ b} \\ &= 58 \text{ kHz} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 58\text{kHz} \times 150 \text{ trks} \times 1.5 \\ &= 13 \times 10^6 \text{ trks/sec} \\ &= 13 \text{ trks/msec} \end{aligned}$$

### Track density in pp

$$\begin{aligned} dN_{\text{ch}}/dy &= 2.6 \\ L \times s &= 2 \times 10^{32} \times 60 \text{ mb (} \sqrt{s} = 500 \text{ GeV)} \\ &= 12 \text{ MHz (min bias)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 12 \text{ MHz} &\Rightarrow 12 \text{ events/msec} \\ &\Rightarrow \sim 50 \text{ m.b. events per drift time} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 12 \text{ MHz} \times 2.6 \text{ trks} \times 1.5 &= 47 \times 10^6 \text{ trks/sec} \\ &= \sim 47 \text{ trks/msec} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 47 \text{ trks/msec} \times 4 \text{ msec} &= 188 \text{ trks} \\ 188 \text{ trks} \times 35 \text{ pts(max)/trk} \times 12 \text{ bytes/pt} &\sim 80 \text{ kB} \end{aligned}$$

# Data Volume and Readout Speed for TPC

## Number of channels

$$\begin{aligned}A_{\text{plane}} &= p (55^2 - 20^2) = 8247 \text{ cm}^2 \\A_{\text{pad}} &= 1.0 \times 0.2 = 0.2 \text{ cm}^2 \\N_{\text{pad}} &= 8247/0.2 = 41,233 \times 2 \\&= \sim 80\text{K chs}\end{aligned}$$

## Data Volume

4 msec/20 ns  $\Rightarrow$  200 time samples (8 bits)  
80K x 200b  $\sim$  16 Mb  
Assume zero suppression of 1/20  
 $\Rightarrow$  800 Kb  
(actual hit rate gives 80 Kb  $\Rightarrow$  1/200)

## Readout Speed in PHENIX

Buffer size < 40 beam clock ticks  
40 x 100 ns (10 MHz) = 4 msec  
(EMCAL pushes this to 6.4 msec)

Readout time < 40 msec (25 KHz in DCM)

800 Kb  $\Rightarrow$   $6.4 \times 10^6 \text{ bits} / 40 \times 10^{-6} \text{ sec}$   
 $= 1.6 \times 10^{11} \text{ bits/sec}$   
 $= 160 \text{ Gbits/sec (20 Gb/sec)}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  160 1Gbit fibers (TEC has 128)  
 $\Rightarrow$  40 DCMs (TEC has 28)

## Trigger

Expect actual trigger rate in pp to be  $\sim 10^4 \text{ Hz}$  at  $L = 2 \times 10^{32}$   
(trigger rate of interesting events including W,Z,charm is only  $\sim 10^3 \text{ Hz}$ )  
If data volume after final zero suppression is 80 Kb, then  
 $80 \text{ Kb} \times 10^4/\text{sec} \Rightarrow 800 \text{ Mb/sec}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  need Level 3 trigger



## Electronics Development

### Investigate requirements for integrated TPC readout electronics

Assuming pad size of  $\sim 1.0 \times 0.2$  cm and an area of  $0.8 \text{ m}^2$  per readout plane:

- 80K channels  $\Rightarrow$  40K channels per readout plane (25 pads/cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Power, cooling, services are a major design consideration  
assume 25 mW/ch  $\Rightarrow 4.0 \times 10^4 \times .025 = 1 \text{ kW/plane}$  (not too bad!)
- Data volume is high (16 Mb unsuppressed)  $\Rightarrow$  need to do zero suppression in FEE
- Even with zero suppression, data transfer rate must be high  
160 Gbit/sec  $\Rightarrow$  80 Gbit/side (2-8 Gbit G-links in the future ?)
- What will be the cost per channel ? (\$40/ch?, STAR: \$25/ch)
- Hopefully will save in cost/channel by doing highly integrated design  
(but then need good estimate of design costs)

### Readout requirements for HBD will be different than TPC

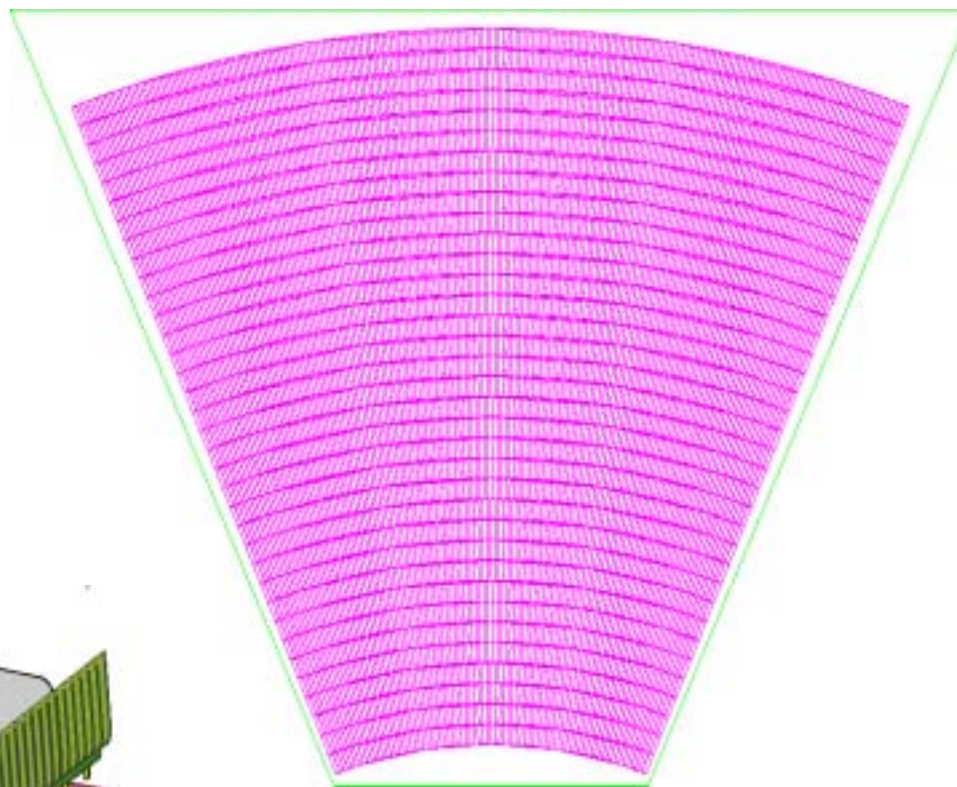
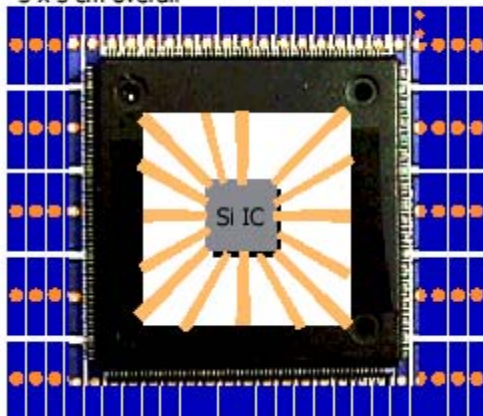
- May need to operate at higher gain
- Channel count will be lower (depending on segmentation)
- Electronics will be in the PHENIX acceptance  $\Rightarrow$  low mass

### Readout must function in the existing PHENIX system readout architecture

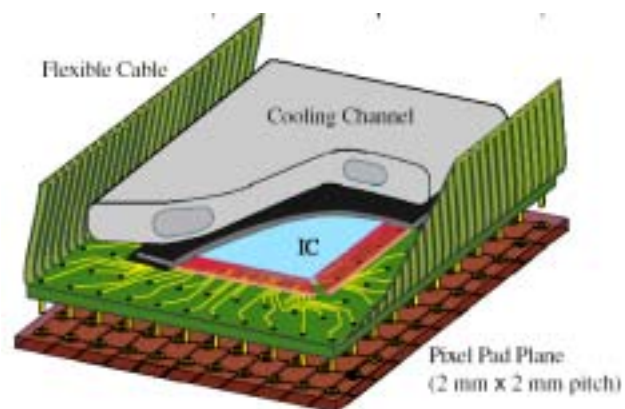
- Buffer size  $< 4.0(6.4)$  msec (5 event buffer)
- Readout speed of 40 MHz (40 words/msec)
- Readout time  $< 40$  msec (DCM speed = 25kHz)
- High luminosity pp running probably requires a level 3 trigger

## TPC Readout Plane and Electronics

Array of 125 pads  
0.2 x 1.0 cm each  
5 x 5 cm overall



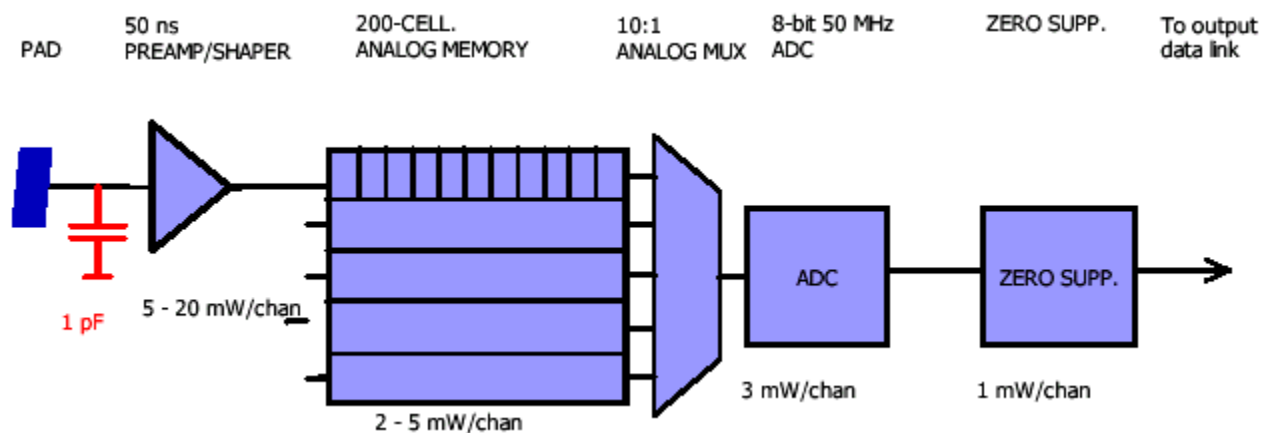
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&  
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Readout Pads  
DR ~ 1 cm  
f ~ 2 mm

Segmentation driven  
largely by resolution

## Possible TPC Readout Electronics Chain



P. O'Connor

## Cost and Schedule Estimate

### R&D (2 years)

- HBD Detector Design: \$250K
- TPC Detector Design: \$500K
- Electronic Design: \$1M (5 FTEs x 2 yrs)

**Total: \$1.75M**

### Construction (2 years)

- Detector: \$100K
- Gas System: \$100 K
- Detector mounted electronics: \$3.2M  
(80K Readout Channels @ \$40/ch)
- Other readout electronics: \$300K

**Total: \$3.7 M**

### LEGS TPC

- R = 35 cm
- L = 60 cm  
(Single ended readout)
- 7K Readout Channels
- CF<sub>4</sub> gas

Total Cost ~ \$0.5 M  
Detector Cost : \$50 K  
Gas System: \$50 K